"The current administration can provide this time by moving aggressively on two fronts. First, textile manufacturers and retailers need a clear signal that Washington intends to renew the one-year safeguards imposed last year on three vulnerable textile categories. In addition, safeguards should be placed on a more comprehensive list of textile categories put at risk by the phase out of quotas that are scheduled to become effective by the end of the year. By doing so, you can limit the rate at which imports from China grow to a more manageable level.

"Second, the United States must move more aggressively to combat Chinese currency manipulation. I understand from your statement last week that bilateral negotiations with China on currency 'appear to be moving China's policy in the right direction, as evidenced by the statements of Chinese officials.' Here in North Carolina, however, we cannot be satisfied with vague promises to change at some point in the future. We need a timetable for meaningful action on this fundamental issue."

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